

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, in view of the present amendment and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-12 are pending in the application, with Claims 1, 2 and 6 amended by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action Claim 2 was objected to; Claims 6-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Seta (U.S. Patent No. 6,483,825) in view of Applicants' admitted prior art (hereinafter APA); Claims 1-5 and 7-12 were allowed.

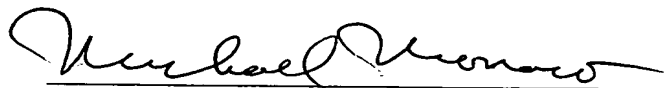
Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter.

Claims 1-2 are amended to remove extraneous punctuation marks. Claim 6 is amended to depend from allowed Claim 5. No new matter is added.

Accordingly, in light of the previous discussion, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request an early and favorable Action to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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